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NOTIFICATION

The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received the assent of the Governor on 21st day of August, 2024 is hereby published for general information:-

**THE SIKKIM ONLINE GAMING (REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2024
(ACT NO. 24 OF 2024)**

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further to amend the Sikkim Online Gaming (Regulation) Act, 2008.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Seventy-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

**Short title and
commencement**

- (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Online Gaming (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2024,
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Amendment of
section 2 (I)**

The Sikkim Online Gaming (Regulation) Act, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") in section 2, for clause (I), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Gaming Terminal" means the intranet gaming terminal or internet gaming terminal or URL address of the Licensee through which Online Gaming or Online Games or Sports Games is conducted. Further all Online Games and/or Sports Games played through the Gaming Terminal shall not

traverse outside the Geographical boundaries of the State of Sikkim, is respect of which license is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and such license is in force.

**Insertion in
section 12 A**

In the Principal Act after section 12, the following shall be inserted namely:-

“12 (A) Penalties on Unlicensed Operators

- (1) Any individual or entity operating any Online Gaming service within the State of Sikkim without a valid license issued by the Authority/State Government shall be deemed to be engaging in unlawful online gaming operations.
- (2) The State Government shall have the power to initiate *suo moto* actions against any individual, organisation or Company found to be conducting unlicensed or unlawful gaming operations.
- (3) Any third party, including private citizens or organizations, may report instances of unlicensed or unlawful gaming operations to the Authority/State Government. Upon receiving such intimation, the Authority shall investigate and take appropriate actions as deemed necessary.
- (4) The State Government shall have the power to investigate allegations of unlicensed gaming operations, conduct inspections, and gather evidence. They may collaborate with law enforcement agencies to enforce the provisions of this section effectively.
- (5) Any person or entity found guilty of operating unlicensed gaming services shall be liable to penalties which may include but not be limited to fines, as may be prescribed under the Act and rules made thereunder. Additionally, all gaming equipment, revenues, and related assets may be subject to seizure and forfeiture.”

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